

Young People's Society. During this year, we feel that much good was done. Tho the attendance was often small we feel that at each meeting we learned another of the many truths of the Bible. The society was reorganized, many of the former officers being retained. We are now entering upon another year, and will hope to do more in the year to come than in the past. May we have your prayers.

On March 18, Brother Ditch was with us, and, after giving two excellent sermons, closed his services here. We had reasons for being made sad by his departure, for during his services here we were often encouraged by his presence and lifted upward by his sermons. We are now without a pastor and the future seems dark, but we are still hopeful that the cloud will clear away and that there is a brighter future for us. May we all be inspired to greater and more diligent work for our Master in the future.

DEFFA HEDRICK.

#### Our Roann, Ind., Letter

Our revival at this place closed with eight confessions, all of whom have or will unite with the church. This is the fourth revival since we have taken the work at this place. Our collection here for the Washington city church amounted to over \$28. Few churches stand more ready and willing to help every good cause than this. We are mostly poor, but thank God we have willing hearts. We have witnessed here what the Master so greatly praised, we have seen the widow "cast in of her living." Some gifts make angels weep, while others make devils laugh. I tell you, brethren, there is money enough in the Brethren church to support several colleges the Publishing House and fifty home and foreign missionaries, if only once she gets down to gospel giving. We rejoice with you all over the work done for Washington. God bless the cause.

We hold our semi-annual communion here tonight, April 6th. We rejoice to say that many here are getting in closer daily communion with Him. Roann church possesses a few of God's noble men and noble women, and we believe their lives are on the altar. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

The church here is agitating the question of next year's pastor. As for ourselves, wife and I, are in the hands of Him who knoweth all, and we are ready to ever follow where he leadeth, battling for the Lord. Amen.

LOUIS S. BAUMAN.

Roann, Ind.

#### North Solomon Valley Church

Since our last writing our much esteemed elder and State Evangelist has been among us preaching the gospel. The result has already been reported as far as members are concerned. And while that may be a taking to some of all that may be accomplished, I will simply add, the sermons we were permitted to listen to were such that they make a lasting impression upon the mind, and the

real result is yet to follow. There is such a thing as entering a community and by eloquence, smooth talk and liberal views, gathering in large numbers and leading a lot of half converted church members behind to do all kinds of mischief. But brother A. J. Hixson is one of those men that God sends out to preach the straight, forward gospel, and no desire to compromise with the world. What is accomplished is complete, something after the Savior's expression, "make the tree good and its fruit is good," or else, "make the tree corrupt and its fruit is corrupt." Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Saturday, March 31, was our Quarterly meeting. Everything passed off satisfactorily. The business was such that everyone seemed interested in and caused them to take an active part.

The sisters since organized have done a good work, having already something like \$5.00 on hand. The society, with sister Wm. Herron as president, Sister Kirkhand, vice president; Alice Heovey, secretary, and Sister Akens, treasurer, with the co-operation of the members will undoubtedly reap the victory, by God's blessing, which will be received as long as love will be permitted to reign among them.

The little town of Portis, where our church building stands is somewhat advancing as a place of business. Two new stores have been opened recently, which we hope will be a source of encouragement to the members, whereby we may all become more active in the work of the Master. May we all remember, "To gain the whole world and lose our souls would profit us nothing."

At present, some of our near towns are reported to have the small pox among their inhabitants, which causes a fear on the part of some to congregate. May God bless his cause everywhere.

G. J. WOLTERS.

#### Notes from the Elkhart County Union Meeting, Elkhart Co., Ind.

Good attendance. Meeting a success. Six preachers present. Bible reading by Brother Flora, brought out some good points. The query box developed some important points on the deacon and elder. Brother Keller preached an excellent sermon Sunday morning, on the character of Nicodemus. We had a spiritual communion Saturday evening, with Brother Menaugh presiding. Keep the mission work for Goshen on foot. We shall do all we can. We were very glad to have Brother Rensch with us. He always creates an interest. Come again.

Nappanee gave a good report of the work at that place. We hope all the churches will do as Nappanee, bring the report in writing. In behalf of the brethren and sisters of the Mt. Union church we wish to thank all visiting brethren and sisters for their presence, and extend to them an invitation to return. The meeting closed to meet the next quarter at Nappanee.

D. F. EIKENBERRY.

North Manchester, Ind.

#### Waterloo, Iowa

While there is not very much to report for March, yet our work is moving along nicely.

There has not been very good attendance the last few weeks especially in the evenings on account of rough weather and sickness.

The last couple Sunday nights there has been no services, but we hope for better attendance in the future. Last Sunday morning we elected Sunday-school officers. We miss the families who have recently moved to Dakota very much as they were always in attendance at the services.

One of our aged sisters, Mrs. Guenther, of Waterloo, was buried last Wednesday. Brother Gillin officiated.

Our K. C. has been doing well considering the winter.

EMMA LANDIS.

#### EASTER MORNING

D. C. MOOMAW

Ere the shadows left the precincts of the morning, a flash of light came down and touched the tomb where God's sleeping son reposed, and the Roman seal was sundered, and a massive stone moved aside as tho it was a bit of down, and helmeted guards and watchers shivered and quaked as tho death's dart had touched them. It was an angel messenger with heaven's mandate to the grave and death to lay their locks and bars at Jesus' feet.

No such a morning had ever risen since the morning stars sang the birth of a new world. Ages and generations and epochs cycles had come and gone and death and hell rejoiced in universal sovereignty and in the dark and cruel grave all light and love and joys laid hopelessly buried. What went beyond was sealed in the eternal counsels of an unknown and mysterious deity. The dim shadows of immortality flitted, at remote times, thru the thoughts of seers and prophets, followed by the deeper and sadder gloom of doubt and fear.

When that blessed morning showed to a hoping, wondering world an open grave where our loving Lord had slept, all the demons of hell made that dread, dark abode resound with moans and shrieks of woe, for well they knew that satan's power to blot from the human heart the light of hope was broken henceforth and forever.

Oh, blessed assurance of the resurrection of our bodies and a reunion in an everlasting life. Death and hell and the grave with all that makes life tragic pass away and all things become new. Tears and weeping are gone and shouting and song and rapture come in their stead.

We know now that sages and saints, prophets and apostles will walk the earth again in their own bodies etherealized by the rejuvenating agency of death. We know now that while there is weeping in the night-watches, joy cometh in the morning, and when our blessed resurrection morning dawns with a crown of everlasting joy on our heads, we will join the embodied and glorified bridal host composed of the ransomed of all the races and ages in a rapturous meeting and greeting of our bridegroom. (first of all the sleeping myriads to awake,) king and lord, thence to live immortal, the best beloved of all the Father's children.

"Unto him who is able to give unto us exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think be all the glory."